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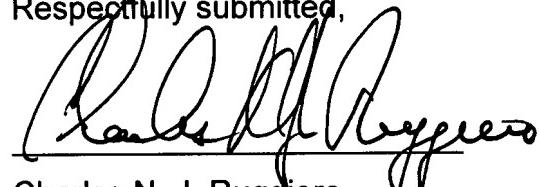
Claims 1 through 26 were presented for examination in the present application. The Office Action requires restriction between the absorbent article of Group I (claims 1 through 18) and the method of forming a tampon of Group II (claims 19 through 26). Applicant elects the invention of Group I that includes claims 1 through 18. Applicant cancels claims 19 through 26. Thus, claims 1 through 18 are presented for consideration upon entry of the instant amendment. Applicant respectfully reserves the right to file a divisional application directed to the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for examination. Applicant respectfully requests favorable consideration and passage of this application to allowance.

If for any reason the Examiner feels that consultation with Applicant's attorney would be helpful in the advancement of the prosecution, the Examiner is invited to call the telephone number below.

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Respectfully submitted,



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